

in off to California again!

Sunday - November 8, 1992

Looking to visit Bobby again for two weeks. When Kenny bought me my plane ticket last year, it also included another round trip, under a senior citizen offer. I guess I need some sort of incentive to get away from Pittsburgh. I would love to see Kenny again this year, but he has a business trip at the same time as we get down to Los Angeles. Bobby made some plans for us while we're there. We'll leave Los Angeles airport on November 22 for Pittsburgh - together. Bobby will stay in Pittsburgh through the holidays and Mother's birthday celebration (#83). It'll be great to travel home with Bobby. Michael & Linda brought me to the airport and I was so thankful. I persuaded them

not to sit around with me
until the plane took off and
they agreed, with protests
from Linda. I was fine! I
met a very nice woman on
the plane and we talked
quite a bit. The plane took
off exactly on time - 6:10 PM
The flight was reasonably
good, some turbulence, but
not too frightening but the
service wasn't as good as
usual. Going home we'll be
going on first class, should
have more attention then.

Bobby met me at the
Sacramento airport about
8:40 PM (So good to see him)
then we went to a little
restaurant for something to eat.
We both arrived at his home
(spotless as usual - new chair
and all) very tired, went to sleep.

Monday - November 9, 1992

Bobby went to work, and I had a little breakfast, then set out to put my clothes and other things away.

I was a little dizzy and confused, but as the day progressed I cleared up.

Watched my soap operas, had some lunch, and waited for Bobby to come home.

Bobby collected all her past Sunday coupons for me to go through and cut out, so I had my work cut out for me (so to speak)

Rebbie Travalon wanted us to come over for dinner, she made turkey, stuffing and sweet potatoes. Just delicious!

She is a very good cook.

One of Bobby's co-workers was also there (Luis) he brought a delicious cheese pie. Then we went home. Bob had paper work, I watched "Larry King live". Then to sleep.

Tuesday - November 10, 1992

Bobby has to work today, so I got up, got dressed and watched my soaps, as usual. It's like visiting old friends when I watch my soaps. Ate a little too much today - so when Bob got home and we were to go to dinner, we decided on Kentucky Fried Chicken. I love their original recipe, I wasn't too hungry then (I wonder why!) so I took home the small ear of corn & the biscuit (I wonder if I spelled that right?) Before we went home, we went shopping at the Safeway Market "the biggest in the country". I bought a few things for me to eat till Tuesday, next week, when we leave for Los Angeles vicinity. We watched some TV and read some magazines, then off to bed.

Wednesday - November 11, 1992
(Veteran's Day)

Bob's off to work - and I had some paper work that I brought with me. The day passed pretty quickly - with my soap & the news. But I wasn't feeling too good. It's been coming on since I left Pittsburgh sort of a cold in my intestines and pain in my legs, some dizziness also. So when we went to dinner, we stopped at a Chinese restaurant Bob's goes to - I ordered shrimp Chow mein & Bob ordered sweet & sour pork, ^{rice} we took home most of eat. I'll have it for tomorrow. We stopped & I bought Tylenol extra strength in tablets (works faster) with that & a heating pad Bob brought me, slowly & surely over about 4 hours, I started to feel better - It wasn't a very good evening - I finally fell asleep.

Thursday - November 12, 1992

Woke up early, about 7AM,
Used my preventil inhaler and
laid back down till I heard
Bobby leave - I feel much better
- not perfect - but better. My
appetite was back (of course) and
I had raisin toast & coffee.
For lunch I ate the remaining
Chinese food (God forbid I should
leave some!) Watched TV,
including President-Elect Bill
Clinton's first news conference.
I started to feel dizzy again
so I laid down for an hour -
got dressed & will watch TV and
wait for Bob to get home. Will
probably stay home & eat TV dinners.
--- But no! I feel better and I
want to eat out, just to get out.
We went to the "Sizzler". They
have a beautiful salad & dessert
bar and the main meal which
I brought home for lunch tomorrow.
We'll watch TV and go to bed.
PS. Bob went thru his remembrances
of miracle mile & surroundings.

Friday - November 13, 1992

Bob off to work - I have a long day ahead of me, till he comes home. Of course I watch TV all day, because I didn't buy anything in crafts to work on - so I eat and eat. Stupid me - I went back to the pickles I bought & the lentil soup, so I became sick again just as Bob returned from work announcing that we were having dinner out with Harry because Debbie is in San Francisco visiting family. I didn't want to stay home so I told Bob I was feeling better & we all went to "Marie Callender's" for dinner. I had soup & a Turkey Sandwich, but I only ate the soup & when we got home, I finished the Sandwich with my TV. I really didn't feel too bad, but about 4 AM, I really had pressure pains, something awful. With the help of extra strength Tylenol Tablets (150 mg) I finally fell asleep about 7 AM. What a rite!!

Saturday - November 14, 1992

Wake up about 10:30 AM feeling much better, not perfect, but better. Bob was out already getting Xmas gifts wrapped for the kiddos, he'll give them out at Thanks giving. Her so concerned that I won't be sick for our trip toward Los Angeles on Tuesday. I called Rhoda to make arrangements to see her (she suggested lots of liquids to keep me) also called Mother at RCTS - she seems reasonably well - also talked to Uncle Etzi - I talked to Linda twice this week. Bob went to the store to buy me soap and sparkling water, then he went to work, he got caught up - I'll watch "Ladder on the Roof" till he comes home. We went for dinner at "Lyons" made a coupon for \$1.00 for the second dinner. Bob had chicken fried steak, etc & I had a senior citizen size Prime rib, etc, and a little piece of cheese cake (\$1.00 special) Everything was delicious!!

Sunday - November 15, 1992

Bob & I slept in a little this morning till all of 9 AM - He laid across my bed, I rubbed his head & he listened to my "babbling". Then about 10:30 AM we went to Lyons again for a late breakfast, with our \$1.00 coupon for second meal. It was also very delicious. I had Bacon-mushroom-American cheese omelett (made with egg-beaters) hash browns, fresh fruit & kye to eat. Then we went to Target & Wal-Mart bought a few things, then Bob dropped me off & he went back to the office to work & pack Xmas gifts for the Kiddos ^{from him} & will send them to Paul & tomorrow to hold until we visit her. What a wonderful uncle!! We're off to Marip Pizza Shack I ordered rigatoni in meat sauce, diet Pepsi and sour bread dough. Bob had gnocci in marinara sauce, it's both delicious!! Bob will wash clothes & sort.

Monday - November 16, 1992

It's going to be a lazy day for me
Bob's last day at work and then
a co-worker will drive him to
Sacramento & he'll rent a car
at the airport. (I think) then he'll
drive back to Fairfield & we'll
use that car to drive towards
Anaheim & stay at a nice Motel
until Sunday 11-22-92 where
we'll go to Los Angeles Airport,
drop off the car & board a plane -
first class - to Pittsburgh. We'll
leave around 1 PM. Bobby is home
and we're not going out to eat
tonite - I stayed in my robe
all day. We're having TV Dinners
& other stuff - watch TV -
Murphy Brown tonite, etc.
Then to bed, have to get up early
tomorrow to pack and be on
our way.

Tuesday - November 17, 1992

Well we packed this morning,
Bob checked out the house
and we're off about 9AM.
Bob rented a beautiful white
Regal for the trip - 4 door. We're
having breakfast at Lyons today.
The trip to Anaheim will take
about 7 hrs with stopping. I
think it's too much driving for
Bob but he said it would be
too much money to fly. Great
breakfast, we're on our way, good
weather also. Stopped once, at
McDonald's. Reached the hotel,
right across from Disneyland.
We'll take a shuttle over
when we go there. At first I
didn't think the hotel was
perfect enough, but as the
nite wore on, I realized I was
wrong. We had a late dinner
in their restaurant, a large Sunday
on French roast & soup, took half
upstairs. Bob rented a "refrig"
for \$10 for the week - good idea!

Wednesday - November 18, 1992

This will prove to be a day of all days! Got dressed a little fancier, dress shoes & all because Bob said he had a surprise for me that nite. So we drove to Los Angeles - what traffic - my stomach was tied up in knots. But Bob is a great driver, thank God. Got to Beverly Hills and we met a friend of Bob's, Bob Hoyer, works in a leather goods store there, he told us to meet him down the street at a wonderful restaurant called 'Cheese Cake Factory'. I ordered a hamburger with the trimmings & ice tea, Bob had a small pizza & a salad. We shared each others. Everything was just too too much. Very large portions. Then of course they had at least 30 varieties of cheese cake & desserts. Bob had pumpkin cheese cake I had banana nut bread in layers & whipped cream. We shared again & his friend took back to work a portion. Then his friend

suggested that Bob and I take
in a movie at the renovated
"El Capitan" on the STARS walk
in Hollywood. There were
people galore standing in line
with their KIDDOES, to see the
new "ALLADIN". Disney owns
the theater also. The street was
so dumpsy & cluttered with all
kinds of strange people, that I
thought, "what are we doing here?"
But inside the theater was just
beautiful. The audio was
tremendous - two different systems
Dolby and THX (whatever
that means) Disney offered a stage
show - so beautiful - like we were
at Disneyland - Snow White,
Beauty & the Beast, etc. in full.
Costume & the curtains shimmered
beautiful, singers also - just too
too much! Then the movie was
wonderful, also will be a
classic, cassette should be out
next year

After that wonderful afternoon
Bob drove me to his surprise
we arrived at Universal City
at the amphitheater, I finally
found out what he was hiding
for weeks, we were going to
see Barbra Streisand (his very
favorite) with other very notable
stars performing in the Los Angeles
AIDS Event to gain money for
research & other AIDS causes.
The most expensive seats
ran \$1000 donation, they were
on the ground floor & we had 2
seats in the balcony - \$50 each
which was still a lot of money
for Bob to spend. About 6000
people showed up, so very
enthusiastic was the crowd!
I can't go into all the particulars
but it was an event to behold.
Bobby was beside himself. I
thanked him very much for planning
this wonderful day and we
drove back at the hotel
about 2AM. Bodies & feet very tired!

Thursday - November 18, 1992

We had to get up about 8 AM this morning because we promised we'd spend the day with Cousin Rhoda. After calling her about 9 AM, I started to get dressed. we were both still tired from the day before. Bob stayed on the phone for about an hour calling his friends about seeing 'Barba' in person, finally. Then Bob dropped me off at Rhoda's while he went to LAX airport to change cars (some kind of a deal, he worked out). So Rhoda drove to "Red Lobster" where we had lunch & talked (I insisted on treating) then she took me ~~to~~ to a very exclusive Mall with just very exclusive stores. While we were there we had "Cappuccino" and I bought a few toys for her grand children who were coming to her house with Rhoda's daughter & husband. Before that we met Bobby & Rhoda's husband at their home. Went out for a wonderful Chinese dinner with lots of left overs.

Friday - November 20, 1992

We're going to Disneyland today!
Sorry! We decided to wait till
tomorrow and see ~~FANTASIA~~ ^{FANTASMIC}
in the evening, the Park stays
open late on Saturdays.

Instead we went to lunch at
TGIF in the "City Mall". We
had a wonderful meal with
a special strawberry Creamy
drink for me. Then we went
into the mall, it was decorated
so nicely for the holidays, the
movie theater was in the mall
itself, and we saw "Dexter act"
I enjoyed it a lot. Back to the
Hotel after visiting the drug store.
We'll hang out in our room and
relax until about 8PM then go next
door, by foot, to Godfather's #22a
and have Italian.

Saturday - November 21, 1992

Big day today! Had breakfast at Hotel dining room - Very good. Saw our waitress friend Edith in her Panda costume, cavorting with the youngsters. She did a great job! Then we walked a few blocks to where the Disney Monorail was for our trip to Disneyland. I don't know how'll we make it through Disneyland, so much walking. Finally we arrive, so many people. So much to see, too much walking. Our first stop was a Delta excursion on China, it was beautifully photographed, but my equilibrium was out of whack when we left. Then we kept walking through Main Street - which I love the most, there we had a wonderful Turkey Hot dog - so delicious. When through a lot of stores and of course bought too many gifts. We kept walking, I was

so tired but Bob wanted up to see
"Fantasmic" about 9 PM. So about
6:30 PM we had a Cafeteria style
dinner at a New Orleans type of
restaurant - not too bad but we
had to sit outside, as everyone does,
like a cafe. It was cold!! good
thing we had sweat shirts work
up! Then we had to stand about
2 hours till the show came on.
It was on the water & we were
sprayed to death, but what a show!
only Disney knows how to do it.
Just fantastic!! We met some
nice people, made the wait more
tolerable. We went back to the
hotel about 10:30 PM - so tired.
We're going home tomorrow. Bob
fell asleep right away - I took a
hot bath to rest my body - It
didn't help, I went to bed
feeling so sore - busy day tomorrow.

Sunday - November 22, 1992

We both awoke early and got dressed & packed. Bob had gotten a rental car, a ~~ford~~ ^{buick regal} ~~ford~~. We had a ~~just~~ nice breakfast at the hotel, said our goodbyes & Bob drove to Los Angeles airport. He dropped off the car & we took a shuttle to the airport. Bob belongs to the U.S. Air Club so we sat there until our plane was about to leave, had peanuts & Pepsi. The plane was delayed about an hour, but we had very nice seats, first class, that was Bob's doing. We had real nice treatment & food there. About 5 hours later we arrived at Fort. International.

It wasn't so bad with the people movers but when we had to walk to the baggage claim, it was ridiculous. Finally Bob rented another car, a ~~ford~~ ^{buick regal}, and we were on our way to Monroeville, a quick bite at Eat & Park, then to my apartment!

Pop will stay through
Thanksgiving & we'll have
a little birthday party for
Grandma, her 83rd. and
then he'll go back to his
home & his friends in California.

I had a wonderful time
but I'm very tired. My bones
ache & my asthma is
terrible. But I'm sure I'll
be better in due time.